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moonsteel33

It's way exaggerated. I mean, seriously, all that will happen is Company A might make you pay a bit more money or will make more interruptions on streaming movies that they didn't make. People will get angry at them and Company B will spring up and say "We'll never do that!" and so then you can switch from A to B, and A will dwindle into the mists of time. If one company makes a bad policy, their competitors will all make a good policy so they get more support.

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cleverdragon364

Yes, but what I don't have enough money to pay a bit more and Company B knows that people are desperate and uses that as an advantage?

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***Clever,* *A Very Clevery Guy* ❤❤❤**
[exits, pursued by a bear]
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then Company C springs up and offers a better deal than B in order to get more customers so that they actually make more money for charging less
It's all about competition

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wolfdawn255

Yeah, Company B can say "We'll never do that!" But there is nothing *actually* holding them to that.

The nature of contracts makes your hypothetical scenario very difficult. Contracts last until a certain amount of time, so you can't just ditch the moment your internet provider is slowing down internet traffic to sites that have politics they disagree with, competing services, etc, you could just be stuck with that for the next three years.

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•Wiccan•

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It's not my hypothetical scenario. It's what was happening eight years ago. Things'll go back to the way they had been. Net neutrality is a law that was only made, like, four years ago. And market* behavior *is highly predictable.

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crowsoul50

Do you know how hard it is to start an ISP? All the big companies signed a contract with the US gov't so that they could lay their own lines— they basically have a monopoly on the system. The government themselves make it an issue. Companies have to pay to have their lines connected in public and private property, and they do so at *outlandish* prices. Starting a company takes years, and lots and lots of money. Like Luna said, there's nothing holding companies to not throttle. In the end, it's all about money. It doesn't matter how ethical (or unethical) the companies are, in the end, if you aren't making as much money as the others, you are going to fall behind and your business will die.
"But why not just switch companies?"
Many places only have one or two companies to choose from, and they're— you guessed it — the big providers. They have no choice but to pick the lesser evil if they want internet.

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When it's time for you to venture out, don't let fear have you looking back at what you're leaving behind.

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@Ishmael - and yet, somehow, the market is still alive. Because of competition

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Yeah, but the Internet and how it is used in everyday life have changed since this law was passed. 8 years ago, Internet was used far less in everyday life. And ISPs aren't normal companies. The market is predicable, but ISPs aren't like shopping at the grocery store, where a competing store can make their bananas cheaper.
129 million Americans only have access to one ISP. For them, there is no Company B, or Company C.
For many people, there might be a Conpany B, but they could be messing with Internet Traffic even worse.

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ghostlynx120

The thing is, there most likely won't be a Company B. All companies will want to get a hand in this, and though some may block or slow down less, all of them will slow or block websites. It's be years before the bill's abolished, too. Net neutrality is a HUGE deal. Parents will also be able to see all the websites kids will go on as they'll have to pay for them, and many depend on websites their parents don't want them going on. If net neutrality is abolished, it will be a big deal.

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Keep going, friend :D! I believe in you!

'Goat like yelps'
-Hootsie

#SupportPeri

Basic psychology. Also I read a lot of memes.

I scream a lot!

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dragonopal343

You are assuming the worst. **ASSUMING.** Nothing more, so stop freaking out.

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ghostlynx120

This isn't assuming, and I am not freaking out. This is *exactly* what will happen, If Net Neutrality is abolished, hundreds of kids will lose the support they need, and it'll be a year at least until it's back- with our president, probably longer.

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Have you read the bill?

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ghostlynx120

The only bill involved in this is your home internet bill, which is going to skyrocket. They're not passing a bill, they're just taking away net neutrality. Please get your facts straight.

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wolffire1040

I come back from hiatus to bring you this post:

1. What about the families who are struggling to put their kids through school as it is? Most schools make you use internet for everything, and if they have to pay for their child to get their homework done, they probably won't be able to keep it up, no matter what the price is or if there's a Company B.

2. Non-profit websites are dead. You use Wikepedia? That's gone. Sharing fanfics and art on various sites won't be available. The forums probably won't be available. And if you thought you might want to make money online, you can say goodbye to that. You'll make more money with a lemonade stand with the prices it will take to just get onto a site.

3. Goodbye online fandoms. No one will be wasting their money to chat with people about shows they like. Goodbye WoFMB, goodbye dA, heck, goodbye Wings of Fire — we're a small community as is, and with NN gone we'll get even smaller.

4. Goodbye minority voices. The internet is pretty much the only place minorities can freely speak and still reach a lot of people, and if only the privileged can access any website they want, they won't be able to get the representation they desperately need.

5. Y'all have clearly never needed to write a research paper that requires a couple hundred sources. I have to soon, and it's gonna be pretty difficult if I can't access anything.

6. *Goodbye abuse victims getting away via Internet. Goodbye GoFundMe. Goodbye countless online support networks that really have helped and could continue to help people.*

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Sage of the Universe, Giver of Writing Advice

I'll respect your opinion as long as your opinion doesn't disrespect anyone else's life

LONG LIVE ANARCHY, DESTROY YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND BE CAREFUL: SERPENTINE IS 100% SALT

/318748

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dragonopal343

GHost. I know this idea may be foreign to you, but the US government has these things called bills. Bills are what we vote on to make laws. The majority of Congress and the President have to support it, then the Supreme Court makes sure it's not against the Constitution. Have you read it?

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dragonopal343

By the way, there are bills to repeal laws. And, really? If it lasted for a year, the role will not stop turning. Quit acting like it will.

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blizzarddragon2192

Sage is completely right, all of those things WILL happen. I have done days researching this and collecting statistics and collecting information and reading lots of news articles. Schools will be impacted as well, and Library's that need internet and things like that. This whole repeal will have a massive negative effect causing those big internet companies to dictate what we do on the internet.

I wouldn't worry too much about it though, this whole thing seems very unpopular against democrats and Republicans and 83 percent of Americans. So if I were the FCC I wouldn't dare repeal net neutrality. Too many heavy hitters have said how much that they need net neutrality like Apple, twitter, Deviant art, Reddit, and even Donald Trump (yes, he is unpopular but he is still America's president).

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#Marvel
#Classic Rock

"PaINt iT bLAcK"

°.•○SPACE ODDITY○•.

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dragonwizard4289

I haven't had time to do much research, and I askd my dad but he heard the question he wanted to answer so that was no help...
I'm curious if this will affect Canada, as well- will we need to pay for access, will we have worse streaming quality and lowered options?

I'm not even going to get started on the importance of net neutrality

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-=-*Call me Athena*-=-

Farewell, and may you have the best possible opportunities and life. Maybe I'll be back someday, but for now I just want to say thank you for everything.

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autumnlibrarian16

I'm sorry, but there are some things here that need to be cleaned up

Yes, it's hypothetical. Yes, it's all assuming the worst happens.
But you can't ever know until it happens.

Competition will practically cease to exist on the internet
Since there is a really bad monopoly, there's no room for newbies. I wish there was, but there isn't.

And will people be okay with this?
Perhaps. It all depends on their beliefs.

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Autumn [**L**ibrarian]
she/her - nerd - gamer
"If you make a mistake and do not correct it, that is a second mistake."
Homethread: /304740

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wolfdawn255

It's not assuming the worst. It's *going* to happen. I don't think you understand how greedy the big corporate ISPs are.
Just because something is constitutional doesn't mean it's right, morally or for the majority of Americans.

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twilightdragon1936

@Sanetra
The market for the internet is not as predictable as it might seem. As someone who takes econmonics, and has a father that majors in economics for college, the market is actually highly unpredictable. We make several assumptions when doing graphs, and it's like physics, when you ignore air resistance: **it's still there.** This hypothetical situation may work in theory, but we're ignoring the realistic elements.

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V E L L I C H O R
he/xe/they

colourblind~system~anxious

~fire dances in the moonlight~

but what does the science say?

"It's been 3 hours
and we still don't know who's fronting"

being redesigned

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moonsteel33

***Here's a realistic element - I have spoken to eight people who aren't worried, out of no less than a hundred. If that's the norm, nn isn't going anywhere for the rest of our* lives.**

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socksthief9

Welp

guess we'll all see what happens, cause they just made the decision.

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~ Poppy ~

"The Biggest Flex Anyone Will Ever Have Is Dying"

`SIGNATURE WORK AHEAD`

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phoenixgriffin260

3-2. Net Neutrality is dead.

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A curious case, a reckless infection

Grif
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It's a statewide inspection

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Meh, so what. Competitors. As I've been saying.

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